

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-5 without prejudice or disclaimer, and add claims 6-15. After the entry of the instant amendment, the pending claims 1-15 will be:

1. (currently amended) [[-]] A portable recording apparatus including means enabling to be informed at programmed days and times of the reception of messages previously recorded, this apparatus including a recorder and an internal clock activating delivery of messages at desired dates and times, characterized in that it includes a housing having two faces, of which an A face including a press button (1) and a loudspeaker (2) so that when the latter emits an alarm, the person with a deficient memory can press on the press button (1) in order to hear what she should then do, and a B face that is only accessible by opening a shutter that covers it, this B face including a microphone (14), a screen (3) indicating the date and time, programmable by means of displacement keys (4) and coded information (7) for, the date and time being fixed, recording the message by pressing on a key (5), the internal clock of the apparatus enabling the activation at the desired time the alarm that will permit hearing of the message.
2. (currently amended) [[-]] The apparatus according to claim 1, characterized in that it comprises a telephonic receiver enabling programming remotely by means of a telephone with an access code.
3. (currently amended) [[-]] The apparatus according to claim 1, characterized in that it has an SOS key (9) activating playing of basic information about its owner and the persons to inform in case of accident.
4. (currently amended) [[-]] The apparatus according to claim 1, characterized in that it operates on cells and/or on battery, the access door of which is situated on the A face.
5. (currently amended) [[-]] The apparatus according to claim 1, characterized in that it

has laterally a knurled wheel (8) for regulation of the intensity of sound of the loudspeaker.

6. (new) A method for operating with a portable apparatus having a button, and a speaker, the method comprising:

- storing a voice message in the apparatus;
- storing a date and time in the apparatus, and associating the date and time with the voice message;
- running a clock in the apparatus;
- responsive to the clock, emitting an audio signal at the date and time stored in the storing step; and
- responsive to the button, sending the voice message to the speaker.

7. (new) The method of claim 6 wherein the apparatus further includes a microphone, and the step of storing a voice message includes using the microphone.

8. (new) The method of claim 6 wherein the apparatus further includes a screen indicating the date and time, and keys, and the step of storing a date and time includes using the keys.

9. (new) The method of claim 6 wherein the apparatus further includes a screen indicating the date and time, keys, and a microphone, and

- the step of storing a date and time includes using the keys; and
- the step of storing a voice message includes using the microphone.

10. (new) The method of claim 6 wherein the apparatus further includes a telephonic receiver, and the step of storing a date and time includes using the telephonic receiver.

11. (new) A portable apparatus comprising:

- a button;
- a speaker; the
- means for storing a voice message in the apparatus;
- means for storing a date and time in the apparatus, and associating the date and time with the voice message;
- a clock in the apparatus;
- means, responsive to the clock, for emitting an audio signal at the date and time stored by the storing means; and
- means, responsive to the button, for sending the voice message to the speaker.

12. (new) The apparatus of claim 11 further including a microphone, wherein the means for storing a voice message uses the microphone.

13. (new) The apparatus of claim 11 further including a screen indicating the date and time, and keys, wherein the means for storing a date and time uses the keys.

14. (new) The apparatus of claim 11 further including a screen indicating the date and time, keys, and a microphone, wherein

- the means for storing a date and time uses the keys; and
- the means for storing a voice message uses the microphone.

15. (new) The apparatus of claim 11 further including a telephonic receiver, wherein the means for storing a date and time uses the telephonic receiver.